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AMENDMENT IN CHILD LABOUR ACT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Child Labour Act to extend the age limit from 14 to 15 years so as to educate the children upto secondary level under the compulsory education system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to eliminate child labour and ensure their compulsory education upto SSC level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal with the Government at present.

(c): The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of child labour withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects(NCLPs) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under these schemes Special schools/Centres have been set up with provision for non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care etc. So far, NCLPs have been sanctioned in 100 districts in 13 child labour endemic states for coverage of 2.11 lakh children. As per the information available, 1.45 lakh children (approx) have already been mainstreamed in to formal education school system.